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AFRAID OF HIS SHADOW

Every ground hog has his day and tomorrow, February 2, is IT! So toss out the thermometer, barometer and weather mags, this is the meteorologist's annual holiday and the ground hog (alias Johnny Woodchuck) is at the controls, and as a prognosticator, Johnny Woodchuck is top flight! He's up! He's out! He's away to enlighten his dear public as to whether the blueplate seasonal special is to be a repeat on the cold cuts of winter or a nice warm serving of tenned spring.

Johnny Woodchuck plays a dual role. He's the style dictator who wises up the gals as to whether those outsize popovers, the saleswomen laughingly call spring bonnets, are to be unveiled, figuratively and factually, or retired to the hat box for another 42 days, for tradition has it that come Candlemas, the ground hog deserts his downy and goes on reconnaisance. Since he is a paradoxical little rodent, if the ceiling is zero he gives with the "all clear," a sure sign that spring has come. Then Johnny Woodchuck goes about his business, which may have something to do with solving that toughy, "How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?" However, should the sun make like the colored illustration on one of those old resort come-ons, thus insuring J. Woodchuck a gander at his shadow, then being the sensitive type, he's sure to hiss, "Don't look now but I think I'm being followed," and back he high tails it (a good trick with short tails the prevalent trend for wood chucks) to his foxhole, pops in, pulls it in after him and burrows down for another 6 weeks of shut-eye.

Why a ground hog makes a point of getting the screaming meemies upon seeing his shadow on February 2, when on any other day he just takes it or leaves it lay, is something only another groundhog can answer, so who cares to play psycho-analyst to a woodchuck, anyway!

THE STILLWELL ROAD

Vindication, where no vindication was necessary, came to General Joseph W. Stillwell, when in his honor, Generalisimo Chiang Kai-Shek re-christened the recently reopened Burma road, the Stillwell road.

At the ceremonies held to rename the road the Generalissimo said, "Let us name the road after General Joseph Stillwell in memory of his distinctive contribution and of the signal part Allied and Chinese forces under his direction played in the Burma campaign and in the building of the road.

Dorinda Jane Graham Baptised Sunday

Last Sunday, at Church of the Nativity, the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Graham of Arbor road, received the Sacrament of Baptism. The Rev. John Connery officiated.

The baby was given the name of her great-great grandmother, on her father's side of the family, Dorinda Jane. Standing as godparents for the child, were Bernard McLoughlin, (Mrs. Graham's brother) and her sister, Mrs. Philip Demma.

Following the ceremony, members of both families, went to the Demma home in Redwood City where a double celebration was held, as Mrs. Edward McLoughlin Sr's. birthday fell on that date.

Corp. Edward McLoughlin, who is overseas, wired his mother 2 dozen red roses for a birthday present.

Girl Scout Notes

Last Thursday, the executive council of Sequoia district Girl Scouts, met at the home of Mrs. Malcom G. Paterson on Menlo avenue.

The meeting was an extra, all-day session and members brought their own lunches. They planned the rebuilding of their council group. About 14 members from the following places were present: Belmont, San Carlos, Woodside, Redwood City, Atherton, and Menlo Park.

WEEK END GUEST

Last week end the Paul Bonnots had as their houseguest, Miss Barbara Cornwell of San Carlos, a classmate of their daughter, Eugenia.

● **Capt. Robert Britton with his** wife and child were week end visitors with Capt. Britton's relatives in Menlo Park.

● **Mr. and Mrs. Hal Quirey of** San Francisco, spent Sunday with Mrs. Mary Worrell at her home on Middle avenue.

Sequoia High School To Graduate 51 At Mid-Term Exercises Tomorrow

Coming as a climax to Senior Day, tomorrow exercises will be held for 51 members of the class of 1945 in Sequoia Union High School's third mid-year commencement.

Seniors will be excused from all classes tomorrow and will hold their class breakfast party in the morning preceding the graduation rehearsal.

At 8 o'clock, the graduation program will begin in the auditorium with the processional, "Coronation March," played by the Sequoia orchestra. Pat Small, senior class president, will give the Pledge of Allegiance which will be followed by the playing of the "Star Spangled Banner." Principal A. C. Argo will make the welcoming speech, after which the orchestra will play several numbers.

A song, "Sequoia Beautiful," composed by Otis Carrington, music department head, will be presented for the first time by the Treble Clef.

Presentation of awards will be made by Donald L. Bogie, vice-principal, while Miss Juliane Wolters, also a vice-principal, will present the diplomas, after which the recessional, "Entrance and March of the Peers," will close the program.

The following are the graduates from the Menlo Park area: Lloyd Alterton, Joan Boulet, Jean Brown, Frances Burgum, George Helfrich, Laverne Ott, Gloria Stuart, Wilbur Sullivan, and Jerry Vistica.

Den Chief Bob Peterson Honored By Fellow Cubs At Lively Party

Bob Peterson, Den Chief of Den 3 and Richard Corpstein, Den Cheif of Den 5 were honored at a combination birthday and "going away" party folowing the weekly Den Chief's meeting on the evening of January 23, at the home of Mr. Froli on Crane street. Den Chief's attending were Jackie Couch, Den 1; Larry Arnold, Den 2; Bob Peterson and Ralph Harza, Den 3; Jack Curran, Den 4; Richard Corpstein, Den 5; Richard Froli, Den 6. Cookies and ice cream were served.

Richard Corpstein leaves for the wide-open spaces of Texas where he and his father are to be engaged in the cattle business.

Bob Peterson has rounded out his first year as Den Chief and is the oldest in point of service in the Pack.

Jimmy Doherty of Troop 108 will succeed Corpstein as Den Chief of Den 5 which meets on Wednesday afternoons at the home of Mrs. Paul Melvin.

Birthday Honored.

Cub Scouts of Den 3 honored their Den Chief, Bob Peterson, on his 14th birthday at their Den Meeting on January 24, at the home of their Den Mother, Mrs. Froli. A special birthday cake was prepared and served for the occasion. Those present besides the honored guest were Ralph Harza, Assistant Den Chief; Melvin Froli, Tommy Morey, John Lomax, Joe Swindt, Roland Arnold and Jerry Glunz.

● **Miss Josephine Yountesey, who** makes her home with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Formingle at 759 Middle avenue, has been confined to her home for the past week with a severe cold.

Christian Endeavor Group To Re-enact First Meeting

A group of Menlo Park young people will re-inact the first meeting of Christian Endeavor, which took place 64 years ago, at a gathering of members of the Santa Clara district of Christian Endeavor to be held Saturday evening at the Redwood City Congregational church.

The Menloites who will take part are all members of the Christian Endeavor group of the Menlo Park Presbyterian church, and include Helen and James Kennemer, Marlyn Ahlenius, Elaine Straver, Nancy and Terry Cowman, Dan Knudsen, Clifford Walker, Ward Seybold, Eddy Banta and Carson MacDonald.

Taking the parts of Reverend and Mrs. Francis C. Clarke, who were instrumental in the founding of the Christian Endeavor, will be Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Skare of Menlo Park. J. R. Froli will be the narrator.

MRS. JAMES HERMANS HOSTESS AT LUNCHEON

Mrs. James Hermans was hostess last Wednesday, at a luncheon at her home on Santa Cruz avenue.

The luncheon followed the attendance of her guests at a demonstration of hand-made lace technique and two-harness hand weaving by Mrs. Brooks of New York City, which was held at Allied Arts.

Mrs. Hermans' guests were Mrs. Ferd Prince, Mrs. Fred Drake of San Carlos, Mrs. Edward Leimberger of Los Gatos and Mrs. Geo. Hayes.

Biography In Miniature

D. E. O'Keefe

Dennis O'Keefe's father, Michael O'Keefe and his mother, Mary Guerin O'Keefe were both born in county Kerry, Ireland, though they did not meet until both came to Pittsburgh, Pa. In this city they were married and 4 children were born to them. Two of these children died of scarlet fever in infancy and when they lost the third, a boy 8-years-old, they decided to move to California, taking their last child, John H. O'Keefe with them.

In 1864, they settled in San Francisco in a home on Jessie St., where twin sons, Dennis E. O'Keefe and James T. O'Keefe were born.

While their three children were still very young, the O'Keefes moved down the peninsula and lived in an adobe house on the south bank of San Francisquito creek, on property owned at that time by George Gordon, which later became the home of Senator Stanford, his wife and son.

The house on this property was the locale of Gertrude Atherton's first book, originally printed as a serial under the title, "Randolph of Redlands" and later in book form as, "A Daughter of the Vine." This house is now the Stanford Convalescent Home.

Michael O'Keefe farmed the land which he rented from Stanford. Just across the creek from the O'Keefe home was the John Monohan house. James Hardgrove lived there and he and Dennis O'Keefe were boyhood playmates.

The O'Keefe family attended old St. Dennis church on the Sandhill road and the O'Keefe boys went to the Mayfield grammar school. They later attended a school located in what is now the sacristy of the Church of the Nativity. Classes were conducted by Miss Nora Sullivan, a sister of Judge Sullivan of San Francisco.

About this time, Michael O'Keefe bought a 100-acre ranch across from what is now the Base hospital. He farmed this land, but the family never lived there. They lived on the property bounded by the S.P. railroad tracks, Glenwood avenue and El Camino, on part of which Central school is now located. Michael O'Keefe sold this land for a Menlo grammar school. A 2-story, wooden school house, which burned many years ago, was built on this property, to be replaced after the fire, by the present school and auditorium buildings.

At this point in the lives of the O'Keefe boys, their father proved himself to be a most unusual man. In those days, for the most part, only the sons of extremely wealthy men received more than a grammar, or at the very most, a high school education. But Michael O'Keefe was determined that his sons were to have the best—so all three boys were sent to St. Mary's college on Mission road, near Bernal Heights (now the extension of Mission street, but at that time country land.)

From this college, all three of the boys were graduated and young

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Basketball League Schedule Starts Saturday

The first games of the newly-organized basketball league under sponsorship of the Southern San Mateo County Youth Activity Committee, scheduled for last Sunday, were postponed until this week end, Saturday, February 3, according to O. H. Olson, committee member.

A reorganization meeting is planned for tonight at the Central school at 7:30 o'clock.

Saturdays schedule is as follows:

FEBRUARY 3

Ravenswood vs. Las Lomitas.
1:00 at Menlo J. C.
Menlo Hi Y vs. Stanford Park.
2:00 at Menlo J. C.
Menlo J. C. vs. St. Joseph's.
3:00 at Menlo J. C.
Nativ. Youth vs. Menlo Rangers.
Menlo Oake — Bye.
2:00 at St. Joseph's gym.

Class Reunion

Members of Class of '41, Central school held a class reunion at the school auditorium last Saturday night, from 7:30 to 11 p.m.

The young people enjoyed an impromptu entertainment provided by their own members and danced during the evening.

A large cake was especially baked for the occasion and had the class numerals in red lettering on the top. With this the crowd drank coke and sodas.

Lucille Barrett was general chairman in charge of arrangements and to her goes the credit for the success of the affair. About 25 members were present and O. H. Olson was an honored guest.

Triple Point Program At Bond Exchange

A three point program for February is in progress at the AWVS War Bond Exchange Shop located at 113 The Circle in Palo Alto, according to Mrs. Henry Kuechler Jr., of Atherton, publicity chairman for the project.

First, with spring cleaning just around that dusty corner, housewives can tidy up the attic, cellar and dresser drawers and help the war effort by taking items they are not using to the exchange shop. These items are placed in stock on consignment and when sold, the price is returned to the consignor in war bonds and stamps less a voluntary contribution to cover expenses.

Second, what with Valentine's Day juts a fortnight away, the shop has many delightful articles which would be appropriate gifts—dainty perfume bottles, unusual costume jewelry, colorful flower prints, to say nothing of cameras, ice skates and antique clocks.

And third, the shop is an unofficial headquarters for brides to be, who among its stock of stunning silver and linens, find many an item to tuck away in their hope chests.

Mrs. Gordon Dennis, formerly of Menlo Park, is chairman of the project and another localite who is active in the shop is Mrs. Arthur Nelson.

There always is a need for additional articles and anyone desiring information may call P.A. 4235.

● **Everett Fallis and John Facchino** paid a visit last week, to Nelson Krueger who is at the Naval hospital in San Diego. "Nels" is getting along fine and expects to be able to return to his home in Menlo in the near future.

Presbyterian Church

"At the Mercy of Details" will be the sermon topic of Reverend Don Emerson Hall at the 11 o'clock service on Sunday, February 4, at the Menlo Park Presbyterian church.

Tuesday evening the February meeting of the Philathea Circle will be held at the church parlors and hostesses will be Mrs. A. B. Skare and Mrs. Villa Lightbody.

Mrs. Martin Johnson will direct the devotional period and Mrs. George Terhune is to be in charge of entertainment.

The name Philathea Circle, is taken from the Greek and means Circle of Friends and is composed of a group of women within the Presbyterian church who meet for purposes of socialibility and companionship.

SPECIAL MEETING: To Discuss High School Site In Southern Area

The Board of Trustees of Sequoia Union High School District has called a special public meeting for 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, at the Central School in Menlo Park. The topic of the evening will be "Purchase of a High School Site in the Southern End of the District," superintendent A. C. Argo announced this week.

All interested residents are invited to the meeting and will be given an opportunity to present their views, Mr. Argo said. After two months of heated debate, this one large general meeting has been scheduled to arrive at some definite idea as to the trend of public thinking, he explained.

At this meeting, reports of the San Mateo County Planning Commission, population studies, and the Sequoia Union High School increased enrollment will be presented. Charles H. Merrill, chairman of the board of trustees, will preside.

Preceding the school discussion, an entertainment program will be presented.

Avoid Another Epidemic!

"Last year America had the second worst infantile paralysis epidemic in its history, and the need for generous public support in the fight to stamp out this disease and relieve its sufferers never was greater," today stated T. J. Hallinan, San Mateo county chairman of the March of Dimes campaign now underway.

Hundreds of the cardboard repositories for dimes have been placed in stores, shops and other convenient locations throughout the county, and sale of the "Fight Infantile Paralysis" lapel emblems will continue through February 10, officials of the drive said.

"Every dime contributed will assist in relieving human suffering and distress," Hallinan stated.

CENTRAL P.T.A. EX BOARD MEETING TOMORROW

The executive board meeting of the Menlo Park P.T.A. will be held tomorrow afternoon at Central school at 2 o'clock. The regular monthly meeting will be Friday, monthly meeting will be Friday afternoon, February 9, featuring Fremont school, 2:30 p.m. Mrs. O. H. Olson is program chairman for this meeting and is arranging a very interesting program.

Ex-Soldier Jumps Off San Francisquito Bridge

The Menlo Park police department received a call last Sunday to come to Carlun's sandwich shop on El Camino near San Francisquito creek.

Officers Max Thomas and Joseph Ferriera answered the call and found Court Newton, feeling a trifle exuberant. The officers talked to him and advised him to go home. Newton argued with them for a few minutes and then threatened to jump off the creek bridge. Before either of the policemen realized what Newton was doing, he dashed away from them and leaped from the bridge parapet and landed in the creek below. Falling in the dirt of the creek bed, he was not seriously hurt, except for an injury to his hip.

The two officers lifted him out of the creek and sent for an ambulance. He was taken to Palo Alto hospital. Having recently received his medical discharge from the service, he was later removed to the Veterans hospital in East Palo Alto.

MENLO WELL REPRESENTED AT REDWOOD BLOOD BANK

Menlo Park was well represented last Friday at the blood bank in Redwood City. Thanks are extended to those individuals who came as representatives of local firms. Dibble hospital sent 3; Veterans hospital, 3; California Water Service 1; and Menlo Park fire district 1.

The number of persons giving blood for the first time, in increasing, which is cheering news for those who are working so hard to put the blood bank over. When the hurdle of the first visit is accomplished, the donor realizes what a simple matter the whole procedure is. Giving blood is the easiest part of our war effort and certainly one of the most important. For appointments call P.A. 4148.

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Las Lomitas P.T.A. Candle Light Tea To Honor Founders' Day Tomorrow

At a beautiful and impressive candle-lighting ceremony, the Las Lomitas PTA will hold the Annual Observance of Founders' Day, tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock at the school. The candle-lighting service will precede the tea hour and candles representing the national PTA founders will be lighted and also tapers representing the church, home, school and community. This ceremony is observed at the February meeting of each unit of the national PTA which was founded almost 50 years ago.

Mrs. L. G. Evans, president of the 17th District of the PTA, will be the guest speaker.

Much interest has been aroused over the identity of the recipient of the Life Membership which is to be awarded to a member meriting special recognition for work in the Las Lomitas organization. Each year a member is selected by the Executive Board and the name is announced at the February meeting, at which time the member receives a pin, card and credentials for Life Membership.

Mrs. Paul Bonnet is program chairman of Founders' Day. Hostesses are Mrs. Benjamin Rogers and Mrs. Vernon Barker.

Night School Orchestra Needs More Musicians

Revival of West Bay Symphony, which functioned from 1938 to 1943, is underway at the Sequoia Union High School under direction of Max Gelber. The orchestra is now a part of the night school program being offered at Sequoia for adults. More instrumentalists are needed and any one desiring to learn to play an instrument is invited to attend. Persons desiring to join the orchestra should have their own instruments, however, it was stated that there was a few instruments belonging to the school which are available.

The class meets every Monday night at 7:30 in the orchestra room of the music building at Sequoia.

Mrs. Emily Jones To Be Married

Mrs. Emily Jones, 1751 Valparaiso avenue, will be married this coming Saturday to John Gizzi of Redwood City. The wedding will be a quiet ceremony, with only members of the family present. The couple will be married in Redwood City. Mrs. Jones is the mother of Mrs. Edward McLoughlin, Jr.

CULVER APARTMENT HOUSE SOLD LAST WEEK

The apartment house on El Camino owned by Mrs. Josephine Culver has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Bell, of Homer street, Palo Alto. They plan to make improvements on the building and will eventually live in one of the apartments.

The Pantry, Menlo Park Recorder and Grab-A-Bite restaurant are located on the street floor.

Mark J. Loughlin, realtor handled the sale of the property.

Mrs. Josephine Culver has lived on this property since 1940. The building was built for Mrs. Culver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Babtiste Campagne, 35 years ago and they occupied an apartment in the place during their lifetime.

NORMAN JOHNSON BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Albin Johnson gave a birthday party for her little son, Norman, at her home on Green street, East Palo Alto, last Friday afternoon. The children enjoyed a chicken dinner and for dessert, were served slices of Norman's "Lady Baltimore" birthday cake.

Tennis Player Injured

While playing tennis at Menlo recreation center on Middle avenue, with Mr. Volt, of 444 University Drive, last Sunday afternoon, J. M. Corey, 215 Manzanita avenue, Palo Alto, fainted and after all efforts to revive him failed, Volt asked assistance from a resident of the neighborhood and Mrs. Ruby Farquharson of 823 Middle avenue, telephoned for an ambulance. Mr. Corey was taken to Palo Alto hospital.

SCOUTS GO SIGHT-SEEING

Boy Scout Troop 108 held a meeting at Nativity hall last Friday night. Regular business of the troop was conducted and Robert Olsem of College avenue, passed his tenderfoot tests. Two teams, one under the leadership of Paul Kevin and the other led by Bob Brown, played "red line"—Kevin's team won.

Last Sunday Troop 107, with scoutmaster Floyd Beach and Troop 108, under the leadership of Edward Dale went on a sight-seeing trip to the dry-dock at Hunter's Point.

● **Mrs. George Dewey is confined** to her home this week by a slight illness. Her condition is not serious, but she is obeying her doctor's orders, and is "taking it easy."

A Swell Time Was Had By All

Player's Guild Reads Play to "Hissing" Audience

After a short business meeting at Central school, last Friday night, a cast composed of members of the Menlo Player's Guild entertained a large crowd of members and visitors by reading and acting a two-act play.

The play was one of these "action in the audience" affairs and it did not take the delighted crowd long to get into the spirit of the thing and start acting along with the cast.

Edna Crane Burchfield played Mrs. Hunderstine, who writes a terrible play and tries to direct it herself. When her amateur cast got out of hand the fun began.

Helen Ahlenius received a big hand for her "Where is my child?" scene. Carl Sundquist, doubling in two roles, the hero and the butler, gave a fine performance. Nellie McLoughlin, as the stage-struck young wife was excellent. Uno Ahlenius was a riot as Yorgensen, the Swedish butcher. His accent is a marvel.

Ethel Gaines in a blonde, bobbed wig, singing her own homemade lyrics to the music of "Hearts and Flowers" brought the house down. George Terhune played a small-town, wise-cracking smart alec and a good job he made of it.

Vernon Barker was superb as the broken down Shakespearian actor. He stopped the show when he recited Mark Antony's speech, draped in a pink blanket, with a wreath of ivy around his head.

Betty Lomax turned in her usual fine performance and her ad libs were funnier than the lines of the play. John Lomax, wearing a walrus mustache, was a wow as a henpecked husband.

Melba Terhune played a small-town inn-keeper and her expression when she dropped her prize alarm clock, was priceless.

Little Patty Cole had the audience in gales of laughter at her suicide scene when she carefully removed her glasses before stabbing herself with a rusty screw driver.

Bob Kennedy played an annoying kid who ate peanuts all through the show and heckled the actors. Jane George gave a fine performance as his Aunt Edna. Dr. Louis Rotherberg was a detective and got a hand from the audience when he crawled around the stage with a magnifying glass.

After the play, refreshments were served.

BITS OF NEWS

From Here and There

BY PORTIA

SIGNS OF SPRING

Golden spirals of acacia, carved coral blossoms of flowering quince, the brave blossoming of February's flower, the primrose, all are signs of spring and another sure sign is the garden meeting of the Menlo Park Women's Club. The meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, February 6, at the social hall of the Menlo Park Presbyterian church.

"Flower Arrangements" will be the subject discussed by Mrs. Henry Garton, the district garden chairman, and Mrs. George Webb will pass on to the members helpful hints for raising strawberries.

Members' gardens will be friendship gardens, for each member is to bring seed, slips or plants to exchange at the meeting. Mrs. William Gwinn is the program chairman.

Hostesses for the afternoon are Mesdames J. T. Aabel, Robert Pickens, Florence Ohler and Ray Johnson, the latter is the president of the club.

CEILING UNLIMITED

These days, there is no ceiling on activities for Mrs. Leo Varty. Last Friday, January 26, Mrs. Varty was hostess at a luncheon to honor Mrs. John Warner who soon leaves to join Mr. Warner in Portland, where they will make their home.

On Tuesday last, Captain and Mrs. Varty headed south to spend several days in San Diego as the guests of Commander and Mrs. W. F. Stannard, friends of the Vartys from the days when both couples resided in Chicago.

The Vartys will return this week end just in time for Mrs. Varty to be one of the models in the fashion show being given at the Allied Arts on Monday, and come Wednesday, February 7, Mrs. Varty will be greeting Captain Varty's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo G. Varty and his sister, Mrs. John Lauer, all of Chicago, will arrive to be guests for several weeks at the Varty's home.

AT THE BOHEMIAN CLUB

To honor their son, Ensign Ned Hill, who is on leave from Florida where he is stationed with the U. S. Navy, last night Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Hill entertained with a cocktail party at the Bohemian Club in San Francisco.

The Hills divide their time between Atherton and San Francisco.

COCKTAIL PARTY

On Saturday evening, February 3, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilson are entertaining at their home with a cocktail party for a group of their friends.

NEWS FROM NEW YORK

Of interest to localites, is word that Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spencer of Brooklyn, N. Y., are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter, Judith Ann, who joins two little brothers, Larry and James in the Spencer nursery.

The Spencers formerly resided in Menlo Park and Palo Alto and Mrs. Spencer's mother, the late Mrs. Gertrude Ewer, at one time was president of the Menlo Park Women's club. The Spencers are residing in the eastern city while Mr. Spencer is serving with the Coast Guard.

Miss Geraldine Ewer, a sister of Mrs. Spencer, is making her home with them in the eastern city.

PANCAKE SUPPER

Following the Old English tradition of serving pancakes on Shove Tuesday, plans are being made for a pancake supper on Tuesday, February 13, at 8 o'clock at the Parish House of the Trinity Episcopal church. The pancake supper will be followed by cards and dancing and is open to the public. The charge for dinner and entertainment for adults is 50 cents and one red point; for children, 25 cents.

Chairman of the affair is Mrs. Wilson E. Taylor who will be assisted by Mesdames John Fennacy, S. L. Hynson, W. F. Jewett and Alfred Walker.

The Trinity Guild will meet next Tuesday, February 6, because their regular meeting date would fall on Ash Wednesday. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. F. Leggett, 32 Maple avenue, and plans will be made for the pancake supper.

Mrs. Jewett is cohostess for the guild meeting.

TRINITY AUXILIARY

The Women's Auxiliary of the Trinity Episcopal church will hold its monthly business meeting on Monday, February 5, at 2 o'clock at the Parish House.

Mrs. Geoffry Almy is president of the organization.

During Lent the two program meetings will be devotional, under the direction of Mrs. Sanborn Backus, the devotianal chairman.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A trio of candles topped the cake of little Michael Crimmins, son of Commander and Mrs. M. L. Crimmins of Atherton, when his grandmother, Mrs. Evan Williams entertained a group of his small friends last Sunday at her home on Camino al Lago in Atherton.

TWO STRIPER

It is two stripes and Lt. (Senior Grade) for Karl H. Evans Jr., who has been in the Pacific for the past 14 months with the Navy. Mrs. Evans, the former Winona Shepherd is making her home with her mother, Mrs. Jhoun Shepherd of Atherton.

HOUSE GUEST

Arriving this week end to be the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ott is Mrs. Ott's sister, Mrs. John W. Ailes of Pittsburgh and Laurel Mountain Park, Pa., Mrs. Ailes, who has been visiting her brother, James H. Webb in Oakland, will remain for several weeks in Menlo Park.

OVER THE TEACUPS

A frosty January afternoon was highlighted by fragrant tea and a crackling fire when Mrs. William Gwinn entertained a group of her friends on January 23 at an informal tea at her home.

EIGHT PINK CANDLES

Eight pink candles burned brightly on the birthday cake of Judy Giannotti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fil Giannotti, when she celebrated her birthday last Saturday, January 27, at her parent's home on Lennox avenue.

Her guests included Mary and Ralph Bard, Jacqueline Pratt, Dennis Facchino, Caroline Harbor, and her cousins, Jackie Giannotti and Jeanette Basile.

FOR GOODNESS SAKE

Mrs. Winston C. Black is noted for a delectable casserole dish, a joy to busy hostesses because it may be prepared the day before and with the addition of a tossed green salad, french bread and coffee is a complete supper menu. The casserole is made with Donatelli paste and ground round steak.

First one takes six slices of bacon chopped fine, fry until the grease is well out. Then fry one large minced onion, four cloves of garlic, grated fine in one-third cup of Italian olive oil. Add one and one-half pounds of ground round steak, one diced green pepper, one number two can of tomatoes, a sprig of parsley, few dried Italian mushrooms minced up, one-half pound grated yellow cheese, season with worstershire sauce, tobasco, salt and pepper and cook 40 minutes, thickening at the end of that time by sifting in flour.

Cook the Donatelli paste in soup stock, then arrange in a cassarole alternate layers of the Donatelli macaroni and the meat mixture, topping with grated cheese. Bake for one hour.

TWO LITTLE COUSINS

Two little cousins, Cress Rudolph and Rick Lyon, are having a gay time in the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Payne of Atherton. Little Cress and his mother, Mrs. Paul Rudolph (Eileen Payne) are making their home at the Paynes while Lt. Rudolph is serving overseas with the army. Last week, Cress was joined in the nursery by his small cousin, Rick, who with his mother, Mrs. Richard Lyon (Barbara Payne) arrived at the Payne home to remain on until Lt. Lyon is able to locate a house in Washington, D.C. where he is stationed.

SURPRISE PARTY

The luncheon Mrs. Thomas Berry gave at her home last Tuesday was to honor Mrs. Claude Callahan of San Francisco who formerly resided in Menlo Park, and also was by way of a surprise birthday party complete with cakes and candles for Mrs. Karl Baldwin.

SOUTH AMERICA

"South America" will be the subject of the talk the Rev. Father Peter Dunne, S. J. of the University of San Francisco will give next Thursday, February 8, at 2 o'clock at the meeting of the Catholic Women's Club. The talk is one in a series on South America.

The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. James R. Shand at 1156 Forest avenue, Palo Alto, and will be followed by an informal tea hour.

Among Menloites who usually attend the gatherings are Mrs. P. B. Blythe, Miss Margaret Williams, Mrs. C. C. Criemler and Mrs. L. T. Diebles.

JUST FOR FUN

Fish that can't "get away" are the hobby of Dr. L. C. Fitzgerald of Atherton and their value in fish stories is measured by minuteness, not by biggness, for one of Dr. Fitzgerald's extra curricular interests is his aquarium of tropical denizens of the deep, all in miniature sizes. Their smallness is matched only by their unusual beauty for the 50 or more animated finny pets have the color range of the rainbow.

Dr. Fitzgerald suggests that fish rate top billing as gifts for convalescents for their lovely patterns and rhythmic motion exert a calming therapy.

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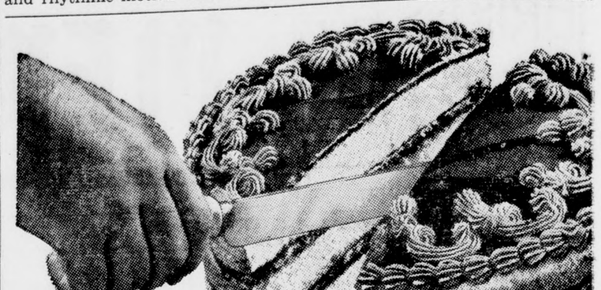
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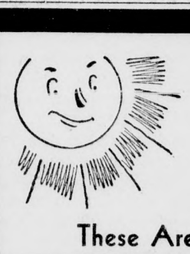
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By Edna Crane-Burchfield

One generation following another, children seem to play the same games. With the boys, football and baseball are the old stand-bys. I suppose college football and professional baseball would keep youngsters interested in these games, along with the fun of each sport. There is a potential Joe DiMaggio on every school playground.

I don't see boys playing shinny and marbles as much as they did in my day—but after my blunder about the school orchestra, I'm not making the statement that they don't play these games today. I just say that I haven't seen them doing so.

Small boys around by neighborhood play war games of their own making. Whenever I appear, I am the enemy and they take pot shots at me from behind trees or I am the target for the rat-tat-tat of their homemade machine guns.

Present day children have the movies, which I suppose, take the place of the old magic lantern of my day. We had a lot of fun with that out-of-date contraption. I think part of its attraction was the fact that we operated it ourselves.

I saw two little girls on my street playing hop-scotch the other day. The first time I had seen a child playing that game since my own childhood. Elizabeth Mason and I played it by the hour. It's a wonder that we are not both lop-sided. We spent all of our spare time for months on end, hopping around on one foot.

Prisoners base was another favorite of my childhiid. We wanted to play basketball during school recess when we were in the 7th and 8th grades, but Miss Mayne, one of our teachers, knocked that idea out of our heads. She said, "basketball was too rough for girls."

I wonder if girls today play one silly game we had. A group of us would sit in a line while one of our number pranced up and down in front of us chanting a senseless doggerel—"I've come to see Miss Jenny-a-Jones, and how is she today?" We gave the state of Miss Jones' health in unison. First she was well, then sick, then worse until she finally died and was buried. It was decidedly a moronotic sport. No youngster today would bother with it. Somewhat along the same lines, was "The Farmer in the Dell." We went through a long rigamarole in rhyme about the farmer's wife, his child, down to the cat owned by the farmer's child. If I remember correctly, the game ended with some gibberish about, "the rat wants some cheese."

I don't know why we played those silly games. They weren't instructive and they couldn't have been much fun. Kids today won't waste their time on stuff like that.

We really had more fun with games we originated ourselves. John O'Brien and my brother had a "milk route" and delivered water in bottles of all sizes and shapes to every neighbor on the block.

I was the first of our gang to go to a dentist and after my first visit, we "played dentist." With putty filched from my father's paint shop, we spent hours filling holes in boards. Even our dolls came in for their share of dental work.

Boy and Girl Scouts are taught games today which are not only amusing but instructive. But whether games are silly or sensible, thank God we live in a land where little children can play.

Central School News

By Joyce Fagg and Jo Furbush

CENTRAL LENDS A HAND

Last week several of the boys from the 7th and 8th grades held a meeting at the police department under the direction of Chief of Police Jack Yount. They elected a Jr. Police Patrol with James Vander Zwalm as the captain. The patrol consists of James Vander Zwalm, age 14; Jack Couch, 13; and Norman Bettini, 13; from the 8th grade and John Crawford, 12; Larry Arnold, 13 and Albert Cradella, 12; from the 7th grade.

Their duties are not only to enforce traffic rules on the school grounds but in town too. They also must help the Menlo Park policemen on the highway, school crossing and see that bicycles are properly parked at school and in town. The boys have full authority to give tickets or take unlicensed bicycles or otherwise improperly-used bicycles to the police station.

RECREATION COMMITTEE TO MEET NEXT THURSDAY

Next Thursday evening, February 8, there will be a regular meeting of the Southern San Mateo County Youth Activities Committee. The meeting will be held in the Central School Music Room at 8:00 p.m. The Recreation Committee will meet at 7:30 with Mal Coombs as chairman.

● **Mr. and Mrs. Lee W. Crutcher** of Alameda came down last Friday to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Sundquist at their home on College avenue. With the Sundquists, Mr. and Mrs. Crutcher attended the meeting of the Menlo Player's Guild.

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More Socials

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NURSERY NEWS

Joining the nursery set is the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rogers of Polhemus avenue, who made her debut on January 24 at the Palo Alto hospital.

Just one week old today is the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Caswell of Woodside.

A very young man about town is the son born on January 24 to Capt. and Mrs. Robert H. Fuller of Atherton. The baby joins a little sister, Lynn, and brother, Robert H. Fuller Jr. Captain Fuller is now stationed in this country after serving with the air corps in the South Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. Evan Thomas are receiving congratulations upon their new granddaughter, Megan Thomas, daughter of Lt. (j.g.) and Mrs. Sidney Thomas. Lt. Thomas is stationed with the naval medical corps at Oak Knoll hospital.

HERE AND THERE

These days, furloughs and leaves whip by with the speed of a P-38 and friends just managed to catch quick glimpses of Lt. Patrick Curran who returned to Texas last week after spending a fortnight at home. Mrs. Curran is remaining on in the family home on Menlo Oaks Drive.

ENGAGEMENT NEWS

Lt. Col. Henry E. L'Heureux, U. S. A. retired, and Mrs. L'Heureux, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Madelyn Alberta, to Lt. (j.g.) Marvin Brester Cole Jr., of the Merchant Marine.

Lt. Cole, son of Commander M. B. Cole, U.S. Coast Guard, and Mrs. Cole, has served with the Merchant Marine since he was 14 years old.

Madelyn is a sophomore at Stanford University.

SUPPER DANCE

An informal supper dance for a group of blind patients from Dibble hospital was given by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Severson at their home in Atherton on January 20. It was one of a series of such parties given by the Seversons and they were assisted in entertaining the servicemen by a group of Stanford coeds.

FASHION SHOW

Spring fashions will be in the ascendancy on Monday, February 5, at the fashion show luncheon at the Allied Arts sponsored by the Palo Alto Junior Auxiliary of the Stanford Convalescent Home.

A no-host group of Menloites planning to attend, includes Mesdames George Davis, Russell Clancy, Herbert Klyce, George Martin, Charles Colden, James Percy and Cliff Hatton. Mrs. Robert Morris of San Mateo also will be a member of the group.

AT HOME

Receiving a medical discharge after serving as a sergeant with the Army Medical Corps, Harry Skare has returned to Menlo Park from Camp Barkley, Texas and is residing with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Skare.

JANUARY WEDDING

The marriage of Elizabeth Davenport Lawton and W. Boyd Weir was solemnized by Rev. Frank H. Rose, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Philadelphia at the home of the bride's father, Major and Mrs. Samuel Welsh, on January 26 in Philadelphia.

The bridegroom is the brother of Mrs. Heber V. Tilden of Woodside and the son of Mrs. W. Boyd Weir Sr., of San Francisco and the late Mr. Weir. The Weirs are an old and prominent Menlo Park family and Boyd has many friends among localites who are looking forward to welcoming him and his bride.

● **To the Lions Club this week** came letters from two Menlo men who are in the service. One from Joe Sullivan and the other from Al Giannotti. Both men are enjoying good health and wrote cheerful letters.

Your City's Business

By Charles P. Burgess

The Sequoia Union High School District is composed of Belmont, Las Lomitas, Greersburg, Portola Menlo, Portola, Ravenswood, Redwood City and San Carlos elementary school districts. More generally described it includes that part of San Mateo County lying south of the city of San Mateo between the Skyline Boulevard and the bay. Included are Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood City, Atherton, Menlo Park and Woodside.

The assessed valuation of the Sequoia Union High School District this year is $43,822,000 or 32 per cent of that of the whole county. Last year the average daily attendance was 1,653, or 32 per cent of the total high school a.d.a in the county of 5064. Nine years ago the Sequoia figure was 1,243. Due to war conditions, however, high school attendance is currently subnormal, for attendance actually reached its peak of 1,781 four years ago despite the great population influx we have had subsequently.

The potential increase in high school attendance is probably better shown by the increase in average daily attendance in the elementary schools comprising the district. Nine years ago the figure was 2,754. Four years ago it was 3,388. Last year it was 4,190, up 52 per cent in eight years. In the balance of the county the eight year increase was from 7,265 to 8,204, or up only 13 per cent. At the time of the 1940 Federal census, the Sequoia Union High School District had a population of 35,000. The current figure probably exceeds 56,000.

Biography

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Dennis tried several jobs, not liking any one of them, until he got into the newspaper business, which he loved and which he made his life work. He started as a general news reporter on the Redwood City Times-Gazette, a weekly paper, owned by Senator Burns. For a time, Fremont Older, later editor of the San Francisco Bulletin, worked as a printer, reporter and finally editor on the Times-Gazette. He took a great interest in Dennis O'Keefe and the two men became good friends. Fremont Older, in his autobiography, mentions his years on the Times-Gazette and his friendship with Dennis O'Keefe.

In 1893 Dennis bought the newspaper which he still owns. Here he was in his element. He was known as one of the best newspaper men on the Pacific Coast. He had a wonderful "nose for news" and he knew how to write a story after he got it. In his day as editor, the Times-Gazette was the most flourishing paper on the peninsula. He had complete county coverage and carried news of out-lying towns—Pescadero, San Gregorio, Halfmoon Bay, Woodside and La Honda.

For a time during his editorship, Dennis O'Keefe took a position in the Custom House in San Francisco, but he never relinquished his interest in the Times-Gazette, he wrote articles for it and directed the policies of the paper in general.

In 1906 Dennis O'Keefe was married to Mary Lynch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lynch and a member of one of Menlo Park's oldest families. While the home Dennis was building for his bride was being made ready for occupancy, they lived in a house on Oak Grove avenue owned by the Thomas Fitzgeralds, now the home of Mrs. Dorothy Bruce-Frederick.

In the new Oak Grove avenue home, the O'Keefe's first child, a son, Edward Joseph O'Keefe was born and several years later a second child, Mary Carmel was born in the Palo Alto hospital. Both these children went to St. Joseph's school. Edward later was graduated from Sequoia and Mary Carmel, after having been graduated from the Academy of the Sacred Heart at Menlo, attended and was later graduated from the San Francisco College for Women. Both young people now live with their father at the family home on Oak Grove avenue. Their mother died in 1927.

Dennis retired from active business life some years ago. He has always been a great reader and divides his time between his garden and his books. He expects to live to a ripe old age and says it's a family habit for the O'Keefes to be long lived. His father was 86 when he died and some of his ancestors lived to a greater age than that.

Dennis is a member of San Mateo Council, Knights of Columbus and is a past president of Menlo Parlour Native Sons.

At present the district maintains a high school at Redwood City, fairly close to the geographical center of the territory served. Transportation to and from the school is provided through a bus service. The present plant is said to be operating near capacity. The district proposes to handle the anticipated post-war jump in enrollment and its further growth through the construction of new high schools in various parts of the district. It has already acquired a site between San Carlos and Belmont.

Next week we will analyze this proposed program in relation to the present distribution of population in relation to the rates of growth shown in the various sections of the district.



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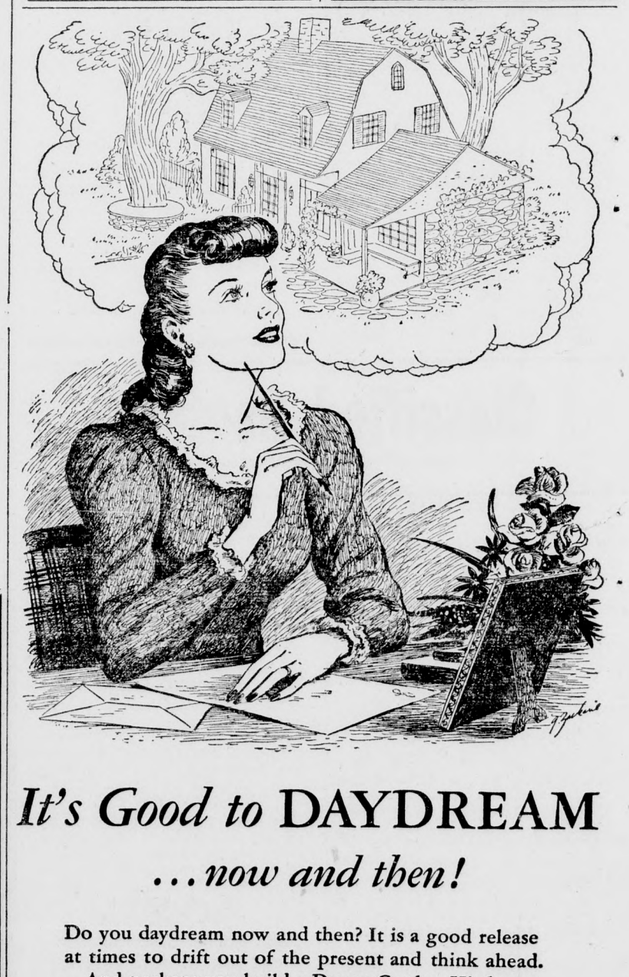


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